

Daisy Elementary PTO General Meeting Minutes

Date: 1/11/24

Time: 6:00pm

Location: Daisy Ingraham PIT (in person) & Google Meet (virtual) hybrid meeting

Attendance:

Amanda Radzunas
Bridget Roberts
Cassie Rodriguez
Heather Scholfield
Jenn Fineza
Jodie Oshana
Kelsey McIsaac
Kirsten Freer
Kristen Park
Kristina Martineau
Krystle Jochim
Marta Gutierrez
Mary Ella Luft
Ruth Rose
Shantel Berg
Stephanie Merriman
Stevie Penner
Tovah Vincent
Valerie Vu

President Kirsten Freer:

The President welcomed everyone.

- Thank you to volunteers:
 - For donations Thanksgiving Breads
 - Wrapping and facilitating Holiday Fair
- Big ideas!
 - Ongoing discussion regarding the big ideas
 - Submitted by teachers last year and earlier this
 - Items we will fundraise for (including 5K)
 - PTO membership voted:
 - Clear winners:
 - Picnic Tables
 - Water Bottle water fountains
 - Dr Martineau indicated that plumbing at Daisy is not conducive to the fountains so the cost will need to include plumbing

- Others:
 - Ocean fish & tank
 - Composting
 - Comfortable classroom seating
 - Outdoor permanent structure
- Will work as board on cost analysis of the ideas (picnic tables, water fountains, fish tank, composting)

Secretary Krystle Jochim: Minutes from 11/13/23 posted to chat and approved.

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- Thank you from Lori Salsibury read
- Kirsten mentioned the email from Vanessa Fedrico for our support of the Jolabokaflod (provided hot chocolate for the school)
 - Jolabokaflod, or “the Christmas Book Flood”, is an Icelandic wintertime tradition. Jolabokaflod has Icelanders snuggled up on Christmas Eve with a cup of something warm and a good book.

Treasurer Jenn Fineza: Budget as of 1/11/24 posted to chat and reviewed.

[Daisy PTO Budget](#)

- Last reported number was as of 10/16 at \$3,965.14
- Balance as of 1/11 is \$6,358.49
- Venmo likely coming for 2024
 - Currently working on logistics
 - Trying to get setup prior to the 5K
- Question regarding budget line for greenhouse to get seeds
 - Mrs Nygard is running Garden Club this year
 - Already 1K in budget for Greenhouse

Superintendent's Budget Report: Kristina Martineau

- Worked hard on indoor air quality grants
 - HVAC at Daisy
 - A/C for lower wing of WMS
 - HVAC at HS needs upgrading
 - Suspects that grant funding will come through for HS & WMS
 - Will use internal funding for Daisy classrooms (not gym, library, etc.)
 - May start this summer
- Have put capital line in the budget
 - Allows surplus (up to 2%) to be given to this line item
 - Will use this surplus if bids for HVAC come in high
- Added another math specialist position to budget that used surplus previously
- Keeping the science position that was created this year
- Increased tutoring hours at all 3 schools for multi-language learners (~100 students district wide)
- Other items remaining in budget:

- Increased clubs
 - Band instruments
- Asked for additional desires from the group
 - Tennis, track or fishing club at Daisy similar to WMS was requested
 - Fix lights in the parking lot at WMS
 - With 5th grade coming down will clubs change/evolve:
 - Will change on student/teacher interest
- BOE meetings have been moved to 6pm
 - Feel free to attend meeting or reach out to Kristina Martineau

Committee Reports (name of speaker, summary of business discussed).

- Sweetheart Dance
 - Chairs: Kelly Donley & Colleen Bloom
 - Kirsten Freer provided update:
 - Date set for 2/2/24 from 6-8pm
 - Booked DJ & photography
 - Proposing \$15 a couple with a family cap at \$25
 - This will conflict with WMS chili cook off & cornhole
- BOE Meeting
 - Chairs: **Kristen** Park & Kathleen Frame
 - WMS given school of distinction
 - 20th in the state with test scores in the top 10 in state
 - New curriculum being developed
 - Shout out to ELA which has been well received and our implementation is being modeled throughout the state
- Book Fair
 - Chair: **Kirsten** Freer & Krystle Jochim
 - Spring Fair is 2/26 - 29
 - Family Night is Wednesday 2/28 from 4-7pm
 - Setup is Friday afternoon 2/23 3-6pm
 - Cleanup afternoon of 2/29
 - Stephanie agreed to spearhead teacher “donations”
 - Will again have activities as that was a hit from the last Family Night
- Holiday Fair
 - Chair: **Jodie** Oshana, Emily Doyle & Shantel Berg
 - Thanks to all the volunteers
 - Thinking of expanding the committee next year
 - 1 person for each “department”
 - If you are interested reach out to Jodie/Shantel/Emily
 - Made ~\$1K profit for Daisy PTO fundraising efforts
- Cultural Arts
 - Chair: Jen Gallegos & Ariana Bobiej
 - Jenn Fineza gave update:
 - Wildlife program is being investigated

- Book presenter (Feb)
 - An additional April presentation
- Ruth gave additional update:
 - One woman show for Ruth Bader Ginsburg
- Online Fundraising
 - Chair: Jen Gallegos & **Kelsey** McIsaac
 - Charleston Wrap:
 - Made \$2,475 from program
 - Everything was delivered direct to students
 - Open to ideas for Spring fundraising options
 - Popcorn fundraising mentioned and Kelsey looking into it

Teacher's Report: Stephanie Merriman

- Thank you for always supporting us with breads and bagels
- Stephen Trojan to send out information regarding weather station
- New fish in the fish tank
- January 2024 [lunch volunteers](#) is now active

Principal's Report: Ruth Rose

- Thanks for support of Jolabokaflod
 - All kids went home with a book
 - Fun activity before break
- After school clubs
 - Information regarding theater club to be sent out shortly
 - Play - Alice in Wonderland
 - Tentative March performance date
- Talent Show considerations noted:
 - Teacher lead
 - Senior doing a project

New Business/Open Floor (key information)

- Question regarding 100th Day
 - Currently at day 83
- "Sponsor a fish" might be coming courtesy of Mr. Trojan
 - Kirsten Freer to talk with him directly regarding assembling a budget

Next meeting: February/March 2024, exact date TBD

Meeting adjourned at 7:12pm

Minutes compiled by Krystle Jochim, Secretary
Daisy Ingraham Elementary School PTO

Chat History for Reference:

Stephanie Merriman

6:02 PM

Ruth, just a note that when the speaker is not directly in front of your computer, we cannot hear anything.

You

6:08 PM

Minutes:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1fKostu-CGdexc2AXtYF4G9UlfhLi7gFp1PeZWS91nJI/edit?usp=sharing>

Budget:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/14tfDm63biliGxb8nHon3UnbdhYBEY55fbqQuYkkDvCs/edit?usp=sharing>

Tovah Vincent

6:30 PM

Tennis, track or fishing club at Daisy like they had at WMS?

Tovah Vincent

6:32 PM

This is related to WMS also but can we fix all the lights in the parking lot that are out or blinking for nearly 2 years.

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Yes

Tovah Vincent

6:45 PM

FYI. Feb 2nd is the same night as the WMS chili cook off & cornhole tournament.

Daisy PTO

6:46 PM

What time is that?

Tovah Vincent

6:46 PM

6-8

Tovah Vincent

6:48 PM

It might not be a conflict for families. Just wanted to put it out there.

Tovah Vincent

6:49 PM

This is the 1st year they're trying it so hard to say how many people they'll get

Tovah Vincent

6:50 PM

I have my eye on all 3 schools happenings with kids at each

Stephanie Merriman

6:51 PM

Absolutely! We loved doing that. :)

Stephanie Merriman

6:53 PM

Ha ha

Tovah Vincent

6:53 PM

Where are the jokes?!?!?

Stephanie Merriman

6:54 PM

Kirsten, I'm not going to make it for my part, but thank you for always supporting us with breads and bagels! :)

Daisy PTO

6:57 PM

Thank you, Stephanie
Stephanie Merriman
7:08 PM

Today is Day 83 I believe. We count in Kindergarten.
Bridget Roberts

7:09 PM

There is no sign up for 2024 lunch volunteers 🙄